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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BARRE REMARKS ON CONCORDE

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1. WE HAVE OBTAINED THE FULL TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER BARRE'S REMARKS AT THE FEB. 17 LUNCHEON IN PARIS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION DURING WHICH HE REFERRED TO CONCORDE AS REPORTED REFTEL. BARRE DID NOT DELIVER A SPEECH ON THAT OCCASION BUT HIS REMARKS WERE MADE DURING QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION OF "LUNCHEON-DEBATE." FLAVOR OF HIS REMARKS AND THE QUOTE CONTAINED REFTEL COME ACROSS A BIT DIFFERENTLY IN THE FULL TEXT THAN IN AFP SUMMARY. TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND BARRE'S ANSWER IS QUOTE BELOW IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION.

2. QUOTE: QUESTION--WHAT IS YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THE MESSAGE (ON CONCORDE) WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER SENT YESTERDAY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC? IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DOES THIS CHANGE THE PRESENT
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SITUATION AND WHAT CONSEQUENCES WILL IT HAVE?
QUESTION--MR. LECAT (ELYSEE PRESS SPOKESMAN) WAS FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC OVER THIS EXCHANGE, AND MR. CARTER'S SPOKESMAN SAID CLEARLY THAT DURING HIS CAMPAIGN MR. CARTER WAS OPPOSED TO LANDING RIGHTS FOR CONCORDE AND HE REMAINED OPPOSED, AND HE DIDN'T INTEND TO CHANGE HIS VIEWS. ISN'T THERE

A FAIRLY CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN
THESE TWO VIEWS?

MR. BARRE--I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TWO REMARKS ON THIS
MATTER. FIRST, THERE WERE A SERIES OF STATEMENTS
MADE BY THE WHITE HOUSE. I RECEIVED THIS
MORNING FROM WASHINGTON A TELEGRAM
INFORMING ME OF THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. THIS
CREATED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONFUSION. ALL I CAN
SAY IS THAT I PLACE WEIGHT ON THE EXPLANATION (MIS AU
POINT) MADE AFTER THE STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
SPOKESMAN UNDER INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESIDENT CARTER
HIMSELF. PRESIDENT CARTER SHOWED CONCERN FOR LETTING
DECISIONS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN ON CONCORDE REMAIN
APPLICABLE IN THE UNITED STATES, AND HE DISPLAYED TO
THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS TO THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS
POSED AS REGARDS CONCORDE.

THE SECOND THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO YOU ABOUT
CONCORDE IS THAT THE FRENCH AND THE BRITISH, FRENCH
AND ENGLISH PUBLIC OPINION, WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND
HOW THAT GREAT COUNTRY IN THE WORLD THAT PREACHES
FREE ENTERPRISE, THAT PREACHES INTERNATIONAL
COMPETITION AND WHAT IS CALLED "FAIR COMPETITION"
COULD ADOPT TOWARDS CONCORDE MEASURES WHICH, REGARDLESS
OF THE PRETEXTS THAT MIGHT BE INVOKED, WOULD APPEAR
DESIGNED TO AVOID FAVORABLE COMPETITION IN THE
AREA OF INTERNATIONAL AIR (TRANSPORT) RELATIONS.
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I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT AFTER THE MANY UPS AND
DOWNS WE'VE WITNESSED, AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION
AND THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD UNDERSTAND
THAT IT IS NOT BY ELIMINATING CONCORDE THAT THEY
WOULD SERVE THE IMAGE OF THE GREAT LIBERAL NATION
WHICH THAT COUNTRY INTENDS TO PROJECT. UNQUOTE.
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